



# SUMMER TIME

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Welcome to our summer program. Money is tighter this year, as a result we haven't put anything on the newsletter that needs a coach, they are just too expensive. However as always we have tried to do something for everybody and there is plenty of choice. Summer is the time of year when we get the most cancellations and families who change their plans. That's fine, but please remember to let us know with as much notice as possible. Claire will have reserve lists for all activities. All activities will have food and there will always be a veggie option. Menus are in the newsletter next to the activity. It is useful if you tell us when food isn't needed. **Bookings day is now on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June.** It's likely there won't be anything left after this date so please send your bookings in on time.

Can I ask a favour of you all, we are trying to raise the profile of the charity on social media. Mostly this is about local fundraising, but we do also have availability for those children who can work in a group. Could you all follow, share etc it would be really appreciated. Instagram is lup.wolves, X is @lupwolves and Facebook is Let Us Play. Kim x



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*The Parents Group wont meet during the summer break. It will be back in September.*



When you send us your bookings please could you add your opinion to the following in the email:

Do you still want a paper copy of the newsletter ?

Over the past year we have realised that second class post has become very unreliable. Families tell us that It can take as long as 10 days for post to be received. Stamps cost .85p so over a year we probably spend well over £1000 on postage alone. We have had families who have missed the bookings deadline because they didn't receive the newsletter. The past 2 newsletters have been emailed as well as posted and that does seem to have solved that problem.

We have always understood that most of the children don't see or read emails, so we have always liked to idea of posting out the paper copy of the newsletter. We like the idea that's it's a touchable reminder and can easily be refered to. It is however hard for us to understand if you actually want it? The system wont easily adapt to sending it by post to some, and not others but we could look at ways that might be possible going forward. Ideally we would prefer to do one or the other.

Don't forget to let us know.





We have been asked to help locally in raising awareness of the Family Hubs in the City. Most families seem to be aware that they exist, but not what services they offer. Every Hub is slightly different, but they can signpost to another Hub if the service isn't offered at your local one. The city has 8 Hubs Eastfield, Rocket Pool, Graiseley, Bingley, Whitmore Reans, Dove which is Ryefield, Low Hill and The Children's Village in Wednesfield.

Services are too many to list, but the key ones are:

Midwives & Health Visitors

Infant Feeding and breast-feeding support

Mental health services

Stay & Play sessions

Parenting support programs

Housing support

Benefits & Welfare clinics and advice

Employment Training

SEND support

Out of school activities

You can register births

Adult Education

Coffee Mornings

Child Development Clinics

Room Hire

There is some limited information online and an APP is currently being developed. Family Hubbs are funded by Central Government.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

## Wild Zoo

Half Penny Green  
Bobbington

9:45 – 2:30

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5 – 19 Years

Please drop them off on the car park at the vineyard. I am sorry we can't provide transport.

For those who prefer to hang around there is a restaurant and shop onsite.

Session involves animal handling.

Lunch is a sandwich drink and crisps

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

## Fishing at Albrighton Moat

Blue House Lane

Albrighton

10:30 - 3:00pm

Booking is tight please drop them off and depart



8 – 19 years

If you need more information directions please ask. It can be a little difficult to find if you haven't been before.

No child will be able to fish all day.

We will be swapping them over.

Other activities will be available.

This will take place whatever the weather. There are large umbrellas to protect from rain.

The session does involve handling the fish, but is supported by trained coaches.

Lunch is Buffet



**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July**

**The Garden Party & BBQ**

**LUP Building  
7 Shaw Park  
10am – 12:30  
Or  
12:30 – 3:00**

**5 – 19 years**

Please note the times, different to normal.

Garden games, bouncy castle and BBQ lunch



**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July**

**Jammie Biscuits, Bingo, and  
the 100 Ball Quiz**

**LUP Building  
7 Shaw Park Business Village  
WV10 9LE  
2 sessions  
9:30 – 12:30  
Or  
1:30 – 4:30**

**5 – 19 years**

Cooking activity  
Please be clear which session you require.



Lunch is Fish Fingers or Chicken strips with accompaniments

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

**Day out Birmingham  
Visit to the Police Museum**

**With hot toasties & Drink for  
lunch at a local cafe**

**9:30 at Wolverhampton train  
station, travel via tram  
Arrival back home is 2:40pm**

**8 – 19 years**

It's your chance to be on the wrong side of the law. This is a Victorian building used as a local Lock-up. You get to dress up, play with exhibits, private tour.

Does involve walking and being on your feet.



**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July**

## **Lighthouses and Beach Craft**

**LUP Building  
7 Shaw Park Business Village  
WV10 9LE  
2 sessions  
9:30 – 12:30  
Or  
1:30 – 4:30**

**5 – 19 years**

A craft session with 4 activities to complete.

Please be clear which session you require



Lunch is Spaghetti Bolognese  
Garlic bread or veggie pasta  
with cheese

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July**

## **Sports Hall Session**

**WV Active Aldersley,  
Aldersley Road  
10am – 2:00pm  
Halls C & D at the top of the  
corridor**

**Please bring a drinks bottle**

**5 – 19 years**

Multi sports  
Includes cycling

Active session please wear  
appropriate clothes

Lunch is a sandwich buffet  
served at 12:00 noon



Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July

## The Farm on Wheels

LUP Building  
7 Shaw Park Business Village  
WV10 9LE  
2 sessions  
9:30 – 12:30  
Or  
1:30 – 4:30

5 – 19 years

Animal handling and Education  
Please be clear which session  
you require.



## Farm On Wheels

Roast Chicken dinner with  
accompaniments



Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July

Mary Poppins  
Birmingham Hippodrome  
11:45 – 6:40pm

McDonalds meal on way  
home.

12 – 19 years

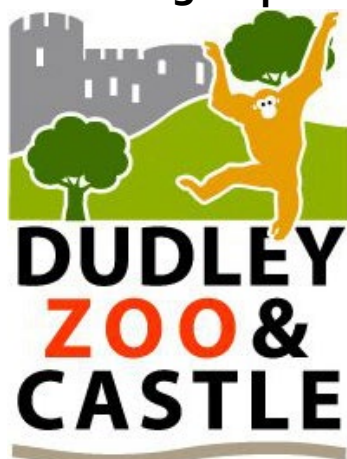
Meeting by the tram stop  
Wolverhampton Station. 11:45 Return  
expected to be 6:40pm Some  
accompanied tickets available for carers



Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August

## Dudley Zoo

10am – 3:00pm



5 – 19 years

Please meet us at the top of the  
car park by the bench at 10am.

We are sorry we can't offer  
transport.

Hot lunch supplied please pre  
book Claire will be in touch with  
menu choices.

Does involve lots of walking

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August**

**Large Screen Gaming**

**LUP BUILDING**

**2 sessions**

**9:30 – 12:30**

**Or**

**1:30 – 4:30**

**8 – 19 years**  
We have done this session many times before.

Hot Lunch supplied and is Sausage and Mash with Veg with onion gravy



**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August**

**Play at Bantock Park**

**1:00pm – 4:00pm**

**Meet us in the car park**

**Food is Afternoon tea**

**5 – 19 years**  
Team games, tour of the house, Play on the park, optional golf



**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August**

**Bowling & Bella**

**Meeting at 10:45**  
**Bentley Bridge Retail Park**



**5 – 19 years**

Collect from Bella at 1:30  
No need to pre order





**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August**

**Laches Wood  
Outdoor Activity Day**

**9:50 – 2:30**

**Please meet us at:  
Laches Wood Outdoor  
Education Centre  
Laches Lane, Slade Heath,  
Wolverhampton  
WV10 7PA**



**8 – 19 years**

3 groups with children and young people are assigned to an appropriate group for their ability. Please feel free to speak to Claire about the program for the day if you are worried about the difficulty level of the activities.

Lunch is provided by the centre and is a simple sandwich.

Change of clothes appropriate

**DRINKS BOTTLES PLEASE**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August**

**Chocolate Truffel  
making**

**LUP Building  
7 Shaw Park Business Village  
WV10 9LE  
2 sessions  
9:30 – 12:30  
Or  
1:00 – 4:00**

**5 – 19 years**

2 sessions please be clear which one you want.

Please note the start time of the afternoon session.

**HOT LUNCH  
BBQ with sides**



**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August**

**Outdoors at WV Active**

Aldersley  
Aldersley Road,  
Wolverhampton WV6 9NW

Meet us on the track at 10am  
Finish is 2:00pm

**DRINKS BOTTLES PLEASE**

5 – 19 years  
Lunch is a picnic

Bikes on the track  
Sports, play etc.  
It maybe possible to bring your  
own bike, speak to Claire



**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August**

**Working with Wood**

LUP Building  
7 Shaw Park Business Village  
WV10 9LE

2 sessions  
9:30 – 12:30  
Or  
1:30 – 4:30

12 – 19 years  
Making a small lockable Box  
and a vehicle on wheels using  
Craft wood.

One for the older age group as it  
does have some difficulty

Lunch is breaded chicken fillets  
on fresh bread with  
accompaniments



**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August**

## **Sealife Centre**

**Birmingham**  
**Meeting at W-ton train**  
**station at**  
**9:50 travelling via tram**  
**Return 3:10pm**



**5 – 19 years**

This session does involve some walking

Lunch is at an Italian restaurant and choices will need to be pre booked.



**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August**

## **A Day at Wildside Activity Centre**

**Hordern Road**  
**Drop off at 10am**  
**Collection at 2:30**

**Drinks Bottles please**



**5 – 19 years**

Does include canoeing  
Outdoor activities & Fire  
Lighting



Lunch is sandwiches & Crisps

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August**

## **Lollypop Stick Crafts**

**LUP Building  
7 Shaw Park Business Village**

**WV10 9LE**

**2 sessions**

**9:30 – 12:30**

**Or**

**1:30 – 4:30**



**5 – 19 years**

**4 crafts to explore and enjoy**

**HOT LUNCH**

**Roast beef with trimmings**



**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August**

## **Challenge Day**

**LUP Building  
7 Shaw Park Business Village**

**WV10 9LE**

**2 sessions**

**9:30 – 12:30**

**Or**

**1:30 – 4:30**



**5 – 19 years**

**AM has priority places for  
Staffordshire children**

**A series of challenges to complete  
in teams**

**HOT LUNCH**

**Jacket Potatos**

**Assorted fillings**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August**

**Baggeridge Country Park**

Gospel End, Dudley, DY3 4HB

**10am – 2:30pm**

**Meet us at the Lydiate Room  
Signposted off the upper car  
park**



5 – 19 years

Places for Staffordshire Children

A series of outdoor activities  
including a treasure hunt  
Involves lots of walking  
Ice creams

Lunch is Picnic  
Will take place whatever the  
weather

**DRINKS BOTTLES NEEDED**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August**

**ART ATTACK**

**LUP Building  
7 Shaw Park Business Village**

**WV10 9LE**

**2 sessions**

**9:30 – 12:30**

**Or**

**1:30 – 4:30**

5 – 19 years

An arty session  
4 art activities to try

LUNCH is  
Chicken wraps





Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August

## Savory Muffins

LUP Building  
7 Shaw Park Business Village

WV10 9LE

2 sessions

9:30 – 12:30

Or

1:30 – 4:30

5 – 19 years

A cookery activity with some small group games



Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August

## Cinema & Bella

Meeting at cinema  
10:am

Collect from Bella 2:00pm  
Times are subject to change.

5 – 19 years

Times on this activity may change,  
please be flexible.

This far in front we have no real  
idea about film times or what will  
be showing.  
So cinema first collecting from  
Bella



**Bella Italia**  
Pizza ♥ Pasta ♥ Grill

There are some Staffordshire sessions this summer.

Whole family activities are: Hoo Zoo gift vouchers

And family tickets to Wild Zoo on 22<sup>nd</sup> July.



Sessions where you leave the children in our care or send them with a carer are Sports Hall Games on 30<sup>th</sup> July. The Aldersley Track day on 13<sup>th</sup> August, Games & Challenges on 21<sup>st</sup> August, and Baggeridge on 26<sup>th</sup> August.

As ever we would really prefer it if you booked directly with Staffordshire Connects. We believe that they have listened to the feedback about waiting times for the phone service and are going to move to a online system. At time of going to print we are not sure if this will be live for the summer. Claire can add you to the lists for sessions but only 10 days after they have gone live. This means many sessions will already be full. To ensure you get a place please book direct.

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Please support us by providing drinks bottles on the sessions where it is indicated. These will be able to be refilled if needed.

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## The Weather



These sessions will take place in all but the most severe weather. This applies to heat as well as rain. Please apply sunscreen if appropriate. Should the need to cancel any session become necessary then you will be informed. However our intention is to run the activities in all but the most severe weather.



We have been asked to share some information with you. The Barrie Wells Trust have an initiative called Box4Kids where they ask sporting and entertainment venues to donate boxes and seats to a wide assortment of events. The criteria is serious illness, life limiting condition and physical disability so any of the three qualifies. They seem quite flexible. Nominations are via their website [barriewellstrust.org](http://barriewellstrust.org)

